Gun license.

21. **MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE**: Will the Government be pleased to state why the delay was caused in renewing the licenses and returning the guns which were already deposited in the police stations when their services were essential for the protection of cultivation chiefly in the months of Chingom and Kanni?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There is no avoidable delay in the renewal of licenses and return of guns. Almost all the applications for renewal are being received during the month of Karkatakam and, after the enquiries stipulated by rules are made, as many as possible are disposed of without delay.

REFERENCE *RE.* REPORT IN THE PAPER "UNIVERSE" ABOUT CERTAIN MEASURES OF THE TRAVANCORE GOVERNMENT.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): With the permission of the Chair I wish to bring to your notice that a very undesirable criticism has been made that some of the Native States are taking measures which are anti-Christian. May I be permitted to read a few lines in that connection?

PRESIDENT: What is the paper that the honourable member is referring to?

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: It is the International Press Cutting Bureau which has published this article. It is from a paper called "Universe."

PRESIDENT: What is the honourable member's point?

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: An accusation is made against the Travancore Government that this State is adopting certain anti-Christian measures——

PRESIDENT: The honourable member will hand over the paper to the Chair.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANA PILLAI: So far as I am aware no such anti-Christian measures are adopted in the State.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know from the Chair whether the member is in order in referring to some paper cutting which is not accessible to the members of this House and which cannot be credited with any great importance or status?

PRESIDENT: I may inform the honourable members that my attention has already been drawn to this newspaper. This newspaper is the official organ of the Catholics of Britain and it has published the following. Honourable members might be interested to learn it.

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